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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). 5.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Valentine in view of Mimura and Kazuya.

Regarding claim 1 Valentine teaches a mobile unit for use with a cellular radio transmission system having a base station adapted for two-way radio communication and situated at respective geographical locations to define a service area constituting one or more regions, the mobile unit comprising a receiver, control means for controlling the mobile unit, means for entering into the control means a predetermined service area, and the control means being capable of recognizing entry of the mobile unit into the predetermined service area from an adjacent service area (see col. 2, lines 45-58 & 63-67, col. 3, lines 4-20, and col. 5, lines 10-14). Valentine does not specifically teach a cellular transmission system having a plurality of base stations situated at respective geographical locations to define a corresponding plurality of overlapping service areas constituting one or more regions, or means for notifying a user of mobile unit entry into the predetermined service area. Mimura teaches a cellular transmission system having a plurality of base stations situated at respective geographical locations to define a corresponding plurality of overlapping service areas constituting one or more regions (see col. 2,

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lines 25-30 and FIG. 3). Kazuya teaches means for notifying a user of mobile unit entry into a predetermined service area (see abstract and col. 5, lines 27-38). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the Valentine adapt to include a cellular transmission system having a plurality of base stations situated at respective geographical locations to define a corresponding plurality of overlapping service areas constituting one or more regions, or means for notifying a user of mobile unit entry into the predetermined service area because this would allow for a mobile terminal to obtain detailed local user information that is closely associated with an area it is located.

Regarding claim 2 Valentine teaches a transmitter and adapted to communicate by two-way radio with a base station (see col.3, lines 7-10).

Regarding claim 3 Kazuya teaches a predetermined service area that is identified by an identification code of a corresponding base station (see pg. 3, lines 1-10).

Regarding claim 4 Kazuya teaches a user that is notified by an audible, visible, or mechanical alarm (see abstract and pg. 5, lines 36-42).

Regarding claim 5 Kazuya teaches user operated means to enter into a control means information identifying a user selected service area as the predetermined service area (see pg. 4, lines 13-30).

Regarding claim 6 Kazuya teaches enabling a user to instruct a control means to define the current service area as a predetermined service area (see pg. 4, lines 13-30).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Minagawa U.S Patent No. 6,510,318 discloses a method for location registration of mobile stations in a mobile communications system.

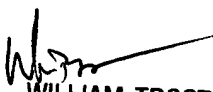
Dunko U.S Patent No. 6,553,236 discloses on demand location function for mobile terminal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J Miller whose telephone number is 703-305-4222. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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